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A PROBLEM IN POPULARITY

TEN THOUSAND persons went to hear the concert of the Park Orchestra at Lemon Hill on Sunday night. Not all of these were enabled to gratify their desire to the full. Crowds, standing ten deep behind the inclosure, were unable to enjoy the fortissimo effects of Mr. Kuhn's musicians. Notwithstanding the perfect order, the fine shades and delicate nuances of the compositions performed were lost to hundreds of eager music-lovers.

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a careful investigation disclosed her identity after she had terrified her family and forced them out of the house in the dead of winter. But the antics of the abnormal Antigone girl belong in a different class from the larks of the Philadelphia stenographer who helped her landlady play a trick on her summer boarders.

CARAWAY'S CHARGES AND FRELINGHUYSEN'S TARIFF PLAN

If an Expert Commission Recommended Equitable Tariff Rates Congressional Scandals Would Be Fewer

THAT IS more partisan politics than statesmanship in the flurry over the wool schedule in the Senate.

Attack upon the tariff on wool has been a favorite recreation of the Democrats for years. They have profited politically by it. They are hoping to profit in the same way this year.

Charges have been made that Senators are financially interested in wool growing and that some of them have entered into a pool to speculate on wool pending the passage of the new tariff. And it has been intimated that this is the reason for their support of the wool schedule.

Whether that schedule is defensible or not is a question for experts and not laymen. It is asserted that the rates are not high enough to cover the difference between the cost of producing wool in the United States and in foreign countries. Even modern protectionists insist that every duty should be high enough to cover this difference in cost of production. Even President Wilson did not go farther than to urge Congress to pass a tariff law which would put the foreign and domestic producer on a level when they met in competition in the United States markets.

But Democratic senators who have been voting for the protective duties on the products of their States are attacking the wool duties intended to protect 700,000 wool growers who live almost entirely in Republican States. As already intimated, this is primarily because they think that political capital can be made out of unfortunate in the outer fringes.

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He may be said of him, however, that he is patient. The American species will stand up at a counter, sit down on a one-armed chair, balance his cafeteria tray, peer over the drawn cord of a crowded so-called "first-class" restaurant, with the meekness of a well-trained serf.

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